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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Without fair access by competitive providers to the lines that connect consumers to the Internet, we're all at the mercy of effective monopolies that provide poor customer service at inflated non-competitive prices. I know because without my local provider -- Sonic.net -- I'd be forced to choose between two companies -- ATT and Comcast --renowned for unhappy customers. Imagine how much worse it would be consumers -- the taxpayers that you are supposed to serve -- if competitive providers were unable to service an even the small portion of the market they can currently access. Please... don't take choice away from everyday consumers by disadvantaging competitive providers. Thank you.

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